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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES POLICY

1. OCTOBER 10 AUSTRALIAN PRESS FEATURES STORIES BY-LINED BY CORRESPONDENTS ACCOMPANYING PRIME MINISTER, AND FILED FROM SUVA, STATING WHITLAM WILL, SHORTLY AFTER RETURN, MAKE MAJOR CHANGES IN AUSTRALIAN POLICY ON RESOURCES. ALL OF THESE STORIES SUGGEST THAT IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES HAVE DEVELOPED BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR MINERALS AND ENERGY CONNOR. THEY ALSO SUGGEST THAT PRIME MINISTER DECIDED ON IMPORTANT CHANGES IN RESOURCES POLICY IN COURSE OF JUST COMPLETED NORTH AMERICAN VISIT AND WAS GREATLY INFLUENCED BY DISCUSSIONS ON RESOURCES AT U.N. AND IN WASHINGTON.

2. THESE PRESS STORIES CONTAIN NO HARD INFORMATION ALTHOUGH THEY IMPLY THAT PROSPECTIVE CHANGES WILL INVOLVE URANIUM AMONG OTHER MINERALS, AND WILL BE IN THE DIRECTION OF LIBERALIZING INTERNATIONAL ACCESS TO AUSTRALIAN MINERAL RESOURCES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WILL OF COURSE, FOLLOW AND REPORT  
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FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER UPON PRIME MINISTER'S

RETURN. MEANWHILE, IN VIEW OF PRESS REFERENCES TO SIGNIFICANT  
DISCUSSIONS DURING NORTH AMERICAN VISIT, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE  
RECEIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ANY FURTHER AVAILABLE INFORMATION  
CONCERNING USG DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER IN WASHINGTON OR  
NEW YORK WHICH BEAR ON SUBJECT OF INVESTMENT AND RESOURCES  
POLICY.  
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